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Application No.: 09/657,971)	Group Art Unit: 1763:
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Filed: September 8, 2000)	
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For: MICROWAVE PLASMA)	
PROCESSING APPARATUS	:	
AND METHOD THEREFOR)	
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

a) Introductory Comments:

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview with Applicants' attorney on October 7, 2003. During the Interview, the Examiner indicated to Applicants' attorney and in the Interview Summary that the following amendments and remarks may overcome the 112, second paragraph and art rejections. The Examiner further

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indicated in the Interview Summary that, although certain claim language which was discussed during the interview may overcome the art rejections, the further consideration of the art of record will be required, as well as a new search relating to the limitations of the new claim language. In the following remarks the substance of the arguments presented during the interview is presented to complete the record.

During the interview, the Examiner requested that a copy of the amended claims marked up to show the changes made would be appreciated. Therefore, Applicant has attached hereto a copy of the marked up amended claims.

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated May 28, 2003, Applicant requests a 3 month extension of time to reply, up through and including November 28, 2003, and enclose a check for \$950.00 to cover the extension fee. Kindly amend the subject application as follows: